

**PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2012
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 9 a.m. in Commission Chambers Room 330 of the City-County Building, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Chairman Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Commissioners Mike Murray and Derek Brown were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Kyle Thomas, Beth Norberg, Eric Spangenberg, Tom Bourns, Jim Cottrill, and Rita Cortright, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

- a. Professional Services Contract Between Lewis & Clark City-County Health Department and Jesus Salazar of Creative MT Design Studio for Printing of, "A Homeowner's Guide to Septic Systems," in the Amount of \$6,360.00 (Beth Norberg)
- b. Independent Contractor Contract Between Lewis & Clark City-County Health Department and Jesus Salazar of Creative MT Design Studio for Graphic Design Services to Complete the "Way to Go Project" in the Amount of \$2,060.00. (Laura Erikson)
- c. Public Meeting Minutes for January 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 2012. (Carole Byrnes)

Eric Bryson recommended approval of the consent agenda.

No public comment was received.

Laura Erikson reported on consent item 'b.' The project is funded through CTEP dollars for a bike and pedestrian safety education awareness project.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of the consent action items and authorized the Chair to sign as appropriate. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Bid Award. Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds New Entry Gate. (Keith Hatch)

Keith Hatch reported that on February 2, the Commission opened bids for the construction of the new entry gate and LED reader board at the Fairgrounds. Consultant, Mosaic Architecture, reviewed all of the bids and that the county accept the lowest bid from Golden Eagle Construction in the base bid amount of \$144,960 plus Alternate #1 of \$3,455 for a total bid of \$148,415.00. The initial funding is from an internal loan from the county and would be paid back through sponsorships for the sponsor signs. Staff recommended that the Commission award the bid for the construction of a new front gate to Golden Eagle Construction and the Chair sign all

applicable contract documents. Also included in the bid was landscaping, pavement, security fencing, and sponsor signs to the front.

Public comment –

Tom Bourns, 2108 East Broadway, Helena, asked for a recap of the total cost of the gate.

No other public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of the staff recommendation to award the bid to Golden Eagle Construction. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion.

Commissioner Brown stated he could not support \$150,000 for a new gate with sign. He appreciated the efforts of the Fairgrounds Foundation to provide the funding through sponsorships but feels the money could be better used at the Fairgrounds.

The motion carried 2-1. Commissioner Brown voted no.

Change Order No. 3 to Contract Between Lewis & Clark County and Golden Eagle Construction for Cooperative Health Center Renovation Project in the Amount of \$2,936.14. (Kyle Thomas)

Kyle Thomas reported that this final change order included some “clean up” type items to complete the project that were not part of the original contract.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Change Order No. 3 and authorized the Chair to sign where appropriate. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Amendment No. 2 to Contract Between Lewis & Clark County and Schlenker & McKittrick Architects, P.C. for Courthouse Square/222 Building Renovation Project in the Amount of \$9,147.47. (Kyle Thomas)

Kyle Thomas reported that the \$9,147.47 would be proportionally split -- 41% CTEP and 59% county. The change order deals with the overages on time and administration services provided by SMA Architects. Staff recommended approval of the contract amendment.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Amendment No. 2. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

FY2013 Montana Land Information Act Grant Application by L&C County IT&S/GIS Department for Funds to Create a GIS Feature Representing Certificate of Surveys in the County in the Amount of \$60,000.00. (Eric Spangenberg)

Eric Spangenberg reported that the Montana Land Information Act has set up an annual granting process where local governments could leverage their local funds to complete GIS projects that would enhance the public's access to geographic information. For filing fees, 75 cents of the dollar went to the State and a quarter went to the local entity. IT&S has requested \$60,000 of MLIA funds to be leveraged against \$25,000 of our local funds to begin the process of creating a GIS feature representing the certificates of surveys in Lewis and Clark County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

Public comments –

Tom Bourns, 2109 E. Broadway, Helena. As an avid user of the county GIS facilities, he supports submittal of the grant application.

No other public comments were received.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve submittal of the grant application and authorized the Chair to sign where appropriate. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. Commissioner Murray stated he hopes the Legislature will take another look at this particular program and perhaps insist that all of the 75 cents be available to counties for their GIS programs instead of the way the state has elected to use the money. The motion carried 3-0.

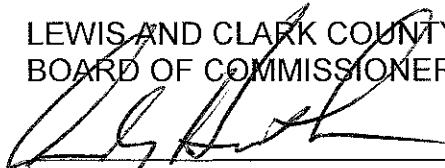
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

Tom Bourns, 2108 E. Broadway Street. Discussed the application submitted by the Lewis & Clark Humane Society and the recommendation of denial by the Fair Board Footprint Committee. He explained the urgency to find a new home for the Lewis & Clark Humane Society so that they can spend over \$4 million of donated money that comes to them from public and private sources. Space is very critical at the humane society and there are issues of safety and health, in addition to the overcrowding of the animals. His map depicted a 12 acre area at the fairgrounds, but the site has many drawbacks.


Commissioner Hunthausen stated that the county does not own the particular site referenced on his map; it is a city-owned piece of property. The commission supports efforts in finding a new home for the Humane Society.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

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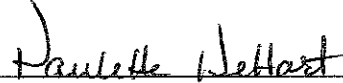
Andy Hunthausen, Chairman



Michael A. Murray

Derek Brown

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board